

April 15, 2019

Superintendent Wilcox
Longview ISD
1301 East Young Street
Longview, TX 79761

Re: Request for Texas Partnership Benefits

Dear Superintendent Wilcox,

This letter is to inform you that Longview ISD's submission for Texas Partnership benefits with East Texas Advanced Academies has been approved contingent upon 1) fulfillment of the requirements issued with Longview ISD's waiver related to TEC 12.0522(b); and 2) several technical modifications to the performance contract. Upon satisfactory completion of the required modifications, the district will receive official approval for access to SB 1882 benefits.

This letter describes the modifications required in the performance contract.

Required Modifications to Executed Performance Contract Materials

To meet the standard for approval under 19 TAC §1075 the district will be required to modify the performance contract to include:

- A provision granting the operating partner clear authority over the assignment of all district employees to the campus, including initial and final authority to approve the assignment of all district employees or contractors to the campus, as well as initial and final authority to supervise, manage, and rescind the assignment of any district employee or district contractor from the campus as required by 19 TAC §97.1075(c)(1)(C). The provision cannot limit the operating partner to making assignment decisions to certain windows of time;
- A provision granting the operating partner clear authority to set the school calendar and daily schedule rather than a waiver of district calendar and schedule requirements, which may differ from those in other district campuses as required by 19 TAC §97.1075(c)(2)(C);
- School academic performance goals as required by 19 TAC §97.1075(d)(2) for **East Texas Montessori Prep Academy**. Goals should include, at a minimum:
 - annual academic performance expectations and goals, which shall include, but are not limited to:

- for campuses that are paired for accountability purposes, specific annual targets for improved student academic performance; and
 - specific consequences in the event that the operating party does not meet the annual academic performance expectations and goals described in the performance contract;
- School financial performance goals as required by 19 TAC §97.1075(d)(3). Goals should include, at a minimum:
 - the completion of an annual financial report of the operating partner meeting the expectations outlined in §109.23 of TAC (relating to School District Independent Audits and Agreed-Upon Procedures);
 - receipt of an unqualified audit opinion, in connection with the annual financial report; and
 - specific consequences in the event that the operating partner does not meet the annual financial performance expectations and goals described in the performance contract.

Instructions for Required Modifications

Districts must make the required modifications and submit them to TEA by 5:00pm on Tuesday, June 4. The modifications to the performance contract must be approved by the district Board of Trustees and by the Operating Partner.

To submit, the district must adhere to the following guidance:

- Save the modified file as a PDF
- Name the file – *Performance Contract Modifications_Longview ISD*
- Email the attached file to dssi@tea.texas.gov with the subject line as follows – *Modifications – Longview ISD*

TEA will review the modifications to determine if they were satisfactorily completed. TEA will inform the district of this determination within 30 days of submission.

A separate letter regarding TEA monitoring of waiver conditions and requirements will be sent to Longview ISD by April 26, 2019.

For additional information or assistance, please contact me at marian.schutte@tea.texas.gov

Sincerely,

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